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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: A JOINT STRUCTURE USING A GUSSET  
PLATE, A BUILDING USING THE JOINT  
STRUCTURE AND A METHOD OF  
ASSEMBLING OR REINFORCING A  
BUILDING

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Examiner: Mark R. WENDELL

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action dated November 25, 2008, the period for reply having been extended one month to March 25, 2009, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**This reply includes:**

**Amendments to the claims; and**

**Remarks.**